

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-19, 21-36, 44-46 and 48-58 are currently pending. Claims 20, 37-43 and 47 have been canceled. The present paper amends claims 1, 25, 26, and 58.

Claims 1-19, 21-36, 44-46 and 48-58 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention. In response to this rejection applicants have amended the claims. However, applicants respectfully submit that the previous claims were clear and definite. However to expedite prosecution applicants have amended the claims because the subject matter of the claims remains the same.

Claim 1 has been amended to revise structural formula I so that variables B_1 and B_2 are readily appear as part of the bicyclic ring system.

Claim 25 has been amended to revise the structural formula II so that variable $(CH_2)_n$ readily appear as part of the bicyclic ring system.

Claim 26 has been amended to revise the structural formulas III and IV so that variables B_1 and B_2 readily appear as part of the bicyclic ring system.

In view of these amendments to the claims applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-19, 21-36, 44-46 and 48-58 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

The objection to claims 1-19, 25-27, 32-36 44-46 and 48-58 has been noted as being drawn to non-elected subject matter. Applicant has amended the claims herein to conform to the scope that previously elected by amending the definition of B_1 and B_2 . Accordingly, applicants respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-19, 25-27, 32-36 44-46 and 48-58.

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